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The Honorable Edmund S. Muskie
Secretary of State
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Washington, D. C. 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We would like to ask your assistance concerning Raoul Wallenberg. Since a great deal of information is available about him, we will not burden you with an extensive elaboration of his case except to relate the following facts.

In response to a request from the American War Refugee Board and the World Jewish Congress, Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg went to Budapest in 1944 after the Nazis began deporting Hungary's 700,000 Jews to extermination camps. Working personally for seven months, Wallenberg is credited with saving about 100,000 Hungarian Jews from extermination.

When the Russians captured Budapest in January of 1945, Raoul Wallenberg disappeared. The Soviets insist that he died in 1947, but over the ensuing three decades there have been eyewitness reports that Wallenberg is alive in a Soviet prison.

We are extremely concerned about his fate. Is he alive? Where is he? And what has happened to him?

Therefore, we respectfully request that at the forthcoming Helsinki Commissions follow-up meeting in Madrid, the case of Raoul Wallenberg be put on the agenda and vigorously pursued by our delegation.

With best wishes,

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